Welcome to the Summer issue of

Leys News

Are you 9 - 16 years old and looking for something to do this summer?

You could try:

solving a murder mystery
painting a public mural outside,
going Green and getting grubby
developing your own photos,
making clothes from scrap
running a fashion show,
playing in tournaments
trying out new sports,
singing or jamming
dancing or acting
making a film of it all.

Interested? It's on this summer here in Blackbird Leys:

The Blackbird Leys Summer Project

Youth Centre and Other Venues, 3rd - 21st August 10 am - 4 pm week days.

You can join in for one day, one week or the whole thing, whatever, just don't miss it. For further information contact Blackbird Leys Youth Centre, on **Oxford 396490.**

Residents' Contributions

This Newsletter is for YOU to use to announce your service or event. It is here to build links across the community; to help residents get in touch with interesting, informative and fun activities and events.

The Editorial Committee are looking for more articles and letters. We'd also like cartoons, illustrations and maybe some poems or photos. What do you want to see in this Newsletter? Tell us. There will be no charge for letters or articles from local residents, only appreciation.

Write to:

Carol Baxter
c/o The Dovecote
Nightingale Avenue
Blackbird Leys
Oxford
OX4 5BU

The **Deadline** for Issue 12 of Leys news is Friday **11th September**.

Issue 12 will be distributed in early October. If you can we'd like text-only files on disk. You can send handwritten copy by post but please make sure it's legible. You could also send your contributions by e-mail to: **paul@vernify.i-way.co.uk**

We may edit any contributions received. We cannot guarantee to publish all letters sent. The editorial committee can in no way accept responsibility for services supplird by our advertisers. For more information please call **Carol Baxter on 0410 588 349.**

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This Newsletter reaches at least 4,000 doormats. You can inform people about your service or event either with an advert or an insert.

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Let Leys News take the stress and strain of making sure all residents, businesses, etc. in Blackbird Leys know what you want them to know.

Leys News is now offering a low cost distribution services to local businesses, organizations, etc. Leys News will distribute your flyers, leaflets, etc. when needed, in Blackbird Leys at the following cost.:-

£45 for 1,000 leaflets/flyers, £22.50 for 500

To post 2nd class the cost would be £900, a saving of £697.50. You would also have the cost of envelopes.

For further information contact Carol Baxter on 0410 588349.

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Welcome to the 11th issue of the Leys News.

The 9 month Pilot Project to deliver to all houses in Blackbird Leys is now over - the good news is that we have raised enough money to continue until December 1998.

We are now planning to form a separate community business to continue publishing the Leys News called "**Leys News Limited**". Local people can become a member of the new company for just £1. For further information call **Joanne Willett on Oxford 772822.**

If you would like to receive a translation of the attached, please contact your Housing Officer.

ਜੇ ਤੁਸੀਂ ਨਾਲ ਭੇਜੇ ਗਏ ਕਿਤਾਬਚੇ ਦਾ ਪੰਜਾਬੀ ਅਨੁਵਾਦ ਚਾਹੁੰਦੇ ਹੋ ਤਾਂ ਮਿਹਰਬਾਨੀ ਕਰਕੇ ਆਪਣੇ ਹਾਊਸਿੰਗ ਆਫ਼ਿਸਰ ਨਾਲ ਸੰਪਰਕ ਕਰੋ।

यदि आप को साथ में भेजी गई पुस्तिका का हिंदी अनुवाद चाहिए तो कृपया अपने हाऊसिंग आफ़िसर से संपर्क कीजिये।

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اگر آپ منسلکہ کاغذات کا ترجمہ اپنی زبان میں چاہتے ہیں تو براہِ مہربانی اپنے ہاؤسنگ آفیسر سے رابطہ قائم کیجیے۔

If you can help with translation, please call Carol Baxter on 0410 588 349.

The Farmhouse

Opening Times

for Housing Association Tenants

The Farmhouse is open from 9am to 1pm and from 2pm to 5pm Monday to Friday. Ealing Family Housing Association staff will not be available after 12 noon on the first Wednesday of each month. Oxford Citizens Housing Association staff will not be available Wednesday mornings until 2pm.

If you would like to see your Housing Officer where ever possible, PLEASE make an appointment by phoning OCHA on 714509 or EFHA on 712244 or Cherwell Housing Trust on 722711 (Mon 2-5pm on 717210).

The Clockhouse

A Community Centre for Senior Citizens

This facility is on the new part of the estate just off Nightingale Avenue. It hosts various activities, and has two new day-schemes this summer.

Age Concern is running a Day Centre every Friday. This offers occasional musical performances, as well as somewhere to meet with others.

Inter Agency Day Care is transferring their Cedars Club from the Neighbourhood Centre, Cuddesdon Way, to the Clockhouse from 7th July. They will be running two Day Centres a week, on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m.

If anyone is concerned about an elderly relative in the Blackbird Leys area they are encouraged to contact Age Concern on Oxford 246580.

Congratulations...

...to Daphne and Darren James on the birth of their daughter.

The Dovecote

The Dovecote is a local community centre providing a venue for local people to meet and work and play together. Current activities include:

Mondays:

After School Club. 3:15 to 4:45pm, for ages 5 - 12. 50p per session.

Wednesdays:

New Ol' Leys Lunchtime Club. 12noon to 2pm. All ages welcome. Also Credit Union collection and Toy Library..

Thursdays:

Carers and Toddlers Group. 10am to 11:30am. All welcome. 50p per session. Also Toy Library.

After School Club. 3:15 - 4:45pm, for ages 5 - 12. 50p per session.

Fridays:

Lemon Juice. Young mums group. 10am to 12noon.

The Barn

A General Community Building

This large building also on the new part of the estate, is available for hire. Details of conditions of hire and prices are available from The Farmhouse. Please drop in or call Oxford 712244.

Oxford City Homes

Blackbird Leys Local Housing Office, 3 Cuddesdon Way

Opening times: Monday - Thursday 9am to 12:30pm and 1:30pm to 5pm. Fridays 9am to 12:30 and 1:30 to 4:30. Tel: Oxford 718811.

Leys Residents Association

The Farmhouse, Nightingale Avenue, Blackbird Leys OX4 5BU.

The current Committee of the Leys Residents Association (in action since February) has to report certain successes and pending projects as a result of pressure from the members.

The Council's Traffic Planners who designed the estate roads are to reconsider and investigate the need for **road markings** to establish right-of-way at junctions, and are looking into poor evening visibility at the crossing of Lobelia Road and Gillian's park, and into paving the bus stop nearby in Field Avenue.

The Oxford Bus Company have admitted that the **51/51A route** needs to be more frequent and to cover longer hours before it can be reliably used. The Planning Committee of the local council are looking into the congestion at Windale Avenue, Dunnock Way and Nightingale Avenue at School time, to see if a shop site on the green, providing no additional parking is feasible.

We need a **shop**, but a better planned one.

We are pushing for a **social club**, and note that some residents are debating how to persuade the City Council to reverse it's decision regarding the public house which was originally promised for the estate but has now been dropped in favour of more housing. The estate needs a **social heart** and we must fight for every facility we can get or the estate faces the danger of eventual descent into an anti-social ghetto - and I am certain we do not want to see that!

We have two sub-committees now, looking at **neighbourhood nuisance** and **traffic issues**, ensuring that your interests are represented and action taken on your behalf.

If you care about your home, your family, your environment, and the future, and feel passionately about fighting for our rights, this committee is for you. We are going places, come and be a part of it. Training in a variety of civic skills are also available. **Our next meeting is on the 14th July at 6.30 p.m.** at the Clockhouse, Long Ground; crèche available in the Dovecote. We would be pleased to see you there.

Eugenia Ravens - Secretary for Leys Residents Association.

Your committee are:

Chairperson: Misbah Rishi

Vice Chair: Nathan Knight

Secretaries: Amanda Seymour & Eugenia Ravens

Treasurer: Nicqui Rowlands

Tel: 01865 395187.

Councillors Surgeries

Your local councillors hold community surgeries on the **last Friday of each month, 2pm till 3pm, at the Farmhouse** on Nightingale Avenue. There is also a weekly surgery every **Saturday 11am to noon at the Community Centre** on Blackbird Leys Road. If you need to contact your local Councillor you can call them:

Cllr Dr. David Elwell: 724685

Cllr Val Smith: 772893

Cllr Tony Stockford: 779795

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Meetings of the Parish Council are held on the first Tuesday of the month except in August. The meetings are held at the Holy Family Church, Cuddesdon Way. The public are very welcome to attend.

Pharmacy

Although the Health Authority have turned down the application for a pharmacy in Balfour Road, there has been support for it among Council members. On a similar note there was support also for a Doctors Surgery on the new estate.

Footpath near football club

The footpath near the new stadium was to be reinstated and at June's meeting it was confirmed that this had been carried out.

Nightingale Avenue shop

This item on the agenda was a big issue. It was proposed that the council object to the site because it would take up valuable "green" area and it was suggested that the shop be located close to the Pathway Workshop.

Leys Youth Club

A £2,000 grant was given by the Parish Council as part of a 3 year deal which is up for renewal later in the year.

It was also noted that sixteen new parking spaces were to be provided on Balfour Road.

Young Builders Trust

This proved to be of particular interest. A talk by the representative of the Young Builders Trust stated that they are providing a scheme for unemployed residents of Blackbird Leys aged 16 to 25 to build their own flats on the Pegasus Court site. Twelve people will be recruited to go on site in September. For further information, please ring Trev Johnson on 0181 693 3311.

Road Safety

This is of great concern, particularly the junction of Windale Avenue and Pegasus Road. The Council will write to the County Council to ensure the Safety of school children with a crossing patrol or traffic lights.

O COME ALL YE QUIZZERS!!!

For nearly 2 years the Sacred Heart Church on Sawpit Road, Blackbird Leys, has been staging its very own version of 'Ask The Family'.

All quizzes take place on a Friday evening and are played on a monthly basis. The evenings entertainment provides a great fun/social night and is open to any residents/families (children to be supervised) living in the Blackbird Leys area.

The questions are designed for all generations and abilities, and incorporate spoken, picture and music rounds. The evening starts at 7.30 p.m. and includes raffle, and buffet (part of the entrance fee). Prizes for everyone; maximum of 6 members. Smoking permitted and bring your own drink.

All proceeds go directly to charity (over £1,000 already raised).

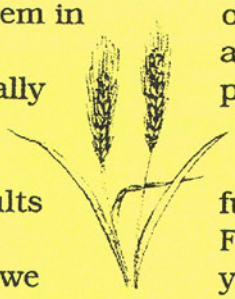
If you like telly quizzes, you'll love this. Please come along.

For further information contact Father John Hancock on Oxford 779658

Farmstead Management Group

The Farmstead Management Group is a group of residents who help manage the community buildings on the new part of the estate, at Nightingale Avenue. These are the **Barn** (a general community building), the **Dovecote** (the Under-8's centre) and the **Clockhouse** (a community centre for senior citizens). We put on community events, like the Pantomime last Christmas and discos, and promote the use of the buildings by all in the community.

One of the things we are doing at the moment is setting up a new **youth club.** It is really important that there is enough for young people to do in the area. The club is going to be for young people aged 9 and upwards, and the idea is to involve them in planning its activities to really make it their club.



Obviously, adults still need to be there too, and we want to hear from anyone who'd like to help.

It is not just the youth club you can help with. If you want to be involved with running the community buildings, or if you just want to find out a little more about the FMG, come to one of our meetings. We usually meet on the first Tuesday of each month. Meetings are from 6.30 p.m. until 8 p.m. There is a free crèche for under 12's in the Dovecote. For further details (on the FMG in general or the youth club in particular) call **Nathan on 395187**, or ask at the Farmhouse.

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Blackbird Leys Bonanza

The Blackbird Leys Bonanza has got off to a cracking start. Andrew Smith our local Member of Parliament and Honorary Presidents of the Pathway Workshop made the first draw on Friday 29th May. The owner of the winning ticket Lucky Number 1768, a local resident in Farm Close received the sum of £250.

The Bonanza is only open to residents of and employees within the Blackbird Leys area. It offers a Weekly Jackpot Prize, guaranteed to be 50% of the gross collection each week. Subscription is £1 per week and with a target of 2000 issued Lucky Numbers, the Jackpot could reach £1,000 weekly!!

The Bonanza is promoted by the **Pathway Workshop,** a local charity employing and training disabled people, producing a full range of high quality wooden garden products. Established in new buildings within the City Farm site on Dunnock Way, with funds from the SRB and the City Council, the Pathway Workshop is not supported by any central or local government funding and therefore needs to support itself through its trading activity and private fund-raising.

Part of the Bonanza collection will also provide an **Estate 'Kitty'** which once a year will be donated to a recipient chosen by the Collectors - this could benefit a local school, youth club, scout group, etc.

Although still in its infancy, the Bonanza has been well received by local residents and membership is increasing daily. Collectors are still required to ensure adequate cover throughout the Estate. Generous commission is offered plus a weekly bonus and participation in an Annual Draw - which could exceed £2,000!!! **Anyone interested should contact the Pathway Workshop on Oxford 714111 during office hours for further details.**

Congratulations & Good Luck to Joanne and Tim Willett married on June 20th 1998.

Security Camera

The Housing Associations have been concerned about various incidents of anti-social behaviour on the estate. We are determined to reduce these as far as possible. To help us in this we have obtained a portable security camera. This will be used to gather evidence on vandalism and other incidents. It is unacceptable for a small minority to affect the peaceful enjoyment of their homes by the majority of residents. We are very pleased that the Leys Residents Association have set up an anti-social behavior sub-group and we look forward to working in partnership with them and the police, in continuing to keep this new estate a good place to live.

Cherwell, Ealing Family, Northcote and Oxford Citizens Housing Associations.

Interested in daily free transport to Tesco's?

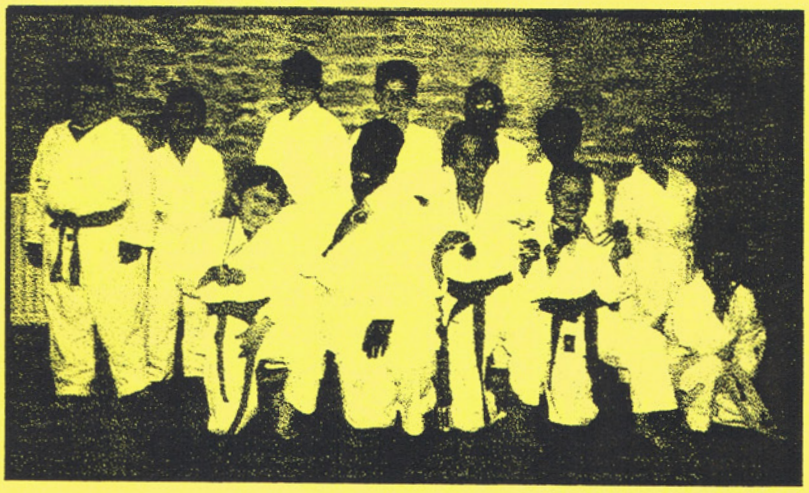
Having entered into discussions with Tesco's management, it is possible to have free daily transport laid on for all Blackbird Leys residents. The transport would leave from the Clockhouse, Long Ground.

If there is enough evidence that this transport will be used effectively, i.e. if there is a huge demand for it then the service will be made available.

Therefore if you are interested in this offer, please contact : **Kiranjit Saini, 2 Frys Court, Nightingale Avenue, Blackbird Leys, Oxford.**

KARATE KID'S

A Tournament was held at Faringdon Leisure centre on Sunday 31st May 98, a team from the Leys Karate Club, who train at the barn, entered. The tournament was very well organised and well attended with kids from all over England competing.



The Leys team did very well - for some it was their first tournament. Jamie Maguire was firing on all cylinders, he made a lot of people take note with his strength, power and controlled aggression. Despite his size and age he won the bronze in kata (patterns) then went on to win silver in kumite (sparring). Nathan Brown performed his kata to a very high standard and being one of the youngest he showed great confidence. He has a promising future ahead of him. Sam Harris was in the kumite division and fought very well for his first tournament and won bronze in kumite. This won't be his last. Alex Weston-Solomon also won bronze for kumite (he also won gold in a previous tournament). Tyson Blackstock also in his first tournament won silver. He was the best in his division, and only lost because his opponent could not carry on!

They all showed great courage and confidence and the Leys Karate Club are very proud of them all.

WELL DONE!!!!

The PARASOL Project

Registered Charity No 1055914

Shared play for all

The PARASOL Project will be enabling children and young people with disabilities to attend mainstream play and leisure activities in Oxford city during the summer holidays, between 20th July and 21st August.

If you are interested in becoming either a volunteer (travel and lunch expenses paid) or a paid play worker, please contact Julia or Lisa on 01865 742816.

If you are a parent/carer or a child or young person who you think could be supported by PARASOL in a mainstream activity, please contact Lisa or Catherine on the same number.

NEW FREE PHONE HEALTH INFORMATION SERVICE

LAUNCHED BY OXFORDSHIRE HEALTH AUTHORITY

An improved phone service has been set up by Oxfordshire Health Authority to provide health information for local people

Healthpoint Oxfordshire can be reached by anybody in the country who calls a free-phone number between 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.:- The number is:

0800 665544

Information available covers local health services, waiting times, medical conditions, diseases, treatment and healthy living. However, the phone operators cannot provide medical diagnosis or counselling.

Most callers are given the information they need immediately. Others will be sent an information pack or leaflet. Some will be called back when the right information has been found.

Typical questions might include:

"What is the waiting time for hip replacement surgery in Oxfordshire"

"What is the current effectiveness data for use of steroids in the treatment of eczema"

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Free training available for residents involved or interested in getting involved in tenant participation. 1 day/week for 30 weeks starting September. No previous academic qualifications needed. May lead to further housing qualifications. Practical and skills based course. Includes visits and residential weekend. Train and have a good time.

Apply to be considered to Wendy Spray, Tenant Participation Worker at The Farmhouse, Telephone Oxford 712244.

"Addittions"

Ronnie Haastrup, a resident of Oxford City for four years, has now opened a shop for Hair and Skin Beauty Products for Black and Asian people on the Cowley Road. 'Addittions', located at 101a Cowley Road, offers a full range of Afro and European hair products, including hair extentions and wigs in a wide range of colours. Hair braiding is available too, but by appointment only. 'Addittions' also offers cosmetics for all skin types, toiletries for all the family, and fashion accessories. The Ethnic Minority Business Service is happy to support Ronnie, who says, "Our prices are very competitive - a trial will convince you - just call me on 01865 437473".

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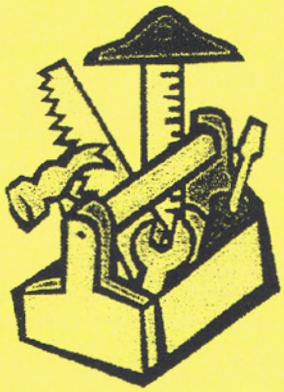
Skills Training

Are you Interested?



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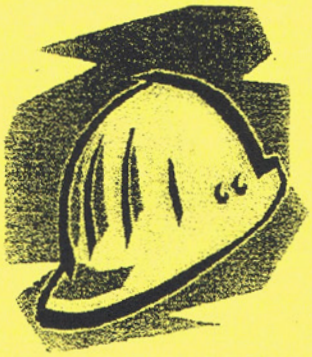

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- **Fundraising**
- **Looking after the Money (for Treasurers)**
- **Women's Learning Programme**

For more info call Annie Winner of the Workers Educational Association on: Oxford 361841.

AfCa

The African Caribbean drop in centre aims to meet the needs of men and women from African and Caribbean backgrounds.

AfCa offers support, friendship and understanding in a culturally sensitive surrounding.

We ask for a 50p contribution from those who can afford it. This includes a hot meal with a hot drink.

We are currently seeking volunteers (especially brothers), speakers of African languages and fundraisers.

Come along any Tuesday between 6pm and 8:30pm,

from 14th July till 25th August (pilot project), at the **Holy Family Church Hall**, Cuddesdon Road, Blackbird Leys.

Call **Abena** on Oxford **716821** or the **African-Caribbean Community Worker** on Oxford **815215**, for more information.

NEW GUIDANCE CENTRE

OXFORD COLLEGE of Further Education

NEW at Blackbird Leys Careers Guidance Centre

Do you need some extra help with deciding what you are going to do next in terms of jobs, education or training ?

If you do, the answer could be under your nose. The Oxford College of further Education, with funding from the Heart of England Training and Enterprise Council, have opened a new Guidance Centre in Blackbird Leys.

The Centre is based in the library on the Oxford College campus on Cuddesdon Way and is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 am until 1 pm for people to drop in. It is also possible to make an appointment outside these times.

For further details call **Carol Bishop** on **01865 269 396**

Speak to you soon.

TAEKWON-DO

SELF DEFENCE FOR EVERYONE

Beginner Session

Every Thursday 6:30 - 8:30pm The Barn, Nightingale Avenue, Blackbird Leys. Juniors £2 Adults £2.50

High Grades Session

Mon - Wed 6:30 - 8:30pm

Taught by Ex-Member of the UKTA Team, English Champion 1995. You will need loose comfortable clothing. For further information call:Ox 712244.

Pegasus Court Young Builders Project

are seeking a

Training Manager & Assessor

...to oversee the delivery of training on-site and to assess young people's work to NVQ level 2. You will need:-

- **Trade background and qualification in carpentry and joinery.**
- **Assessor qualifications (D32/33) or willingness to undertake training to this level.**
- **Ability to communicate with young people.**

This project is offering the opportunity for twelve young people, aged 16 to 24, to build their own home whilst undertaking training in construction skills to NVQ level 2. The project is part of the Blackbird Leys Redevelopment Initiative and the training activity is integrated into the contractor's building programme which will last approximately 1 year from September 1998.

For further information and an application form please contact:- **Peter Breathwick, RPS Rainer, Rectory Lodge, High Street, Brasted Westerham, Kent TN16 1JF. Tel: 01959 578220.**

BLACKBIRD LEYS POOL MEETING

Come and talk to us, join the chat back time, and tell us what you think about the BLACKBIRD LEYS POOL

MONDAY 20TH JULY. 7.00pm
Blackbird Leys Leisure Centre

The main topic for this meeting will be :-

THE BLACKBIRD LEYS POOL PROGRAMME UNTIL SEPTEMBER 98.

In return for your comments a complimentary Skate, Swim or Fitness pass will be given to all who attend.

Apology

With reference to the article in the Spring issue. Please note it was Brownies who attended the public meeting held at the Leisure Centre on March the 5th and not Girl Guides stated in our articles. Leys News would like to apologise to the Brownies for this mistake.

FOOTBALL CLUB NEWS

The Club finished 3rd in their division this season and gained promotion to the premier division of the R T Harris League. Unfortunately they lost in the final of the Borg Hobbs memorial cup 3-1, after extra time but congratulations to all for getting there in the first place.

Congratulations also to Colin Scully who finished top scorer in the entire league.

The club will be running a reserve side next season. Anyone interested should come along to the training sessions, 6.15 p.m. on a Tuesday starting 9th July. Session are held on the pitch outside the Leisure Centre.

Any sponsors still welcome. All inquiries please contact Andy Beale on Oxford 453666.

BLACKBIRD LEYS POOL SUMMER HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

SUNDAY19th July to SATURDAY 5th September

SUN: 10am-11.30am & 1pm-2pm

MON: 11.15am-1pm & 2.30pm-3.45pm
Fun session: 5.30pm-6.45pm
Women Only: 7pm-9pm

TUE: 11.15am-1pm
Fun session: 2.30pm-3.45pm

WED: 12 noon-1pm
50+: 2.30pm-3.45pm
Fun session: 5.30pm-6.45pm

THU: 11.15am-1pm 2.30pm-3.45pm
Fun session: 5.30pm-6.45pm

FRI: 11.1 am-1.pm 2.30pm-3.45pm
Fun session:5.30pm-6.45pm

SAT: 10am-11.30am

THE TIMETABLE MAY BE SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

Pool closed Monday 31st August & Tuesday 1st September.

Please note: Under 8's must be accompanied by an adult.

PRIVATE HIRE

HOURS AVAILABLE :

SUN: 11.45am-12.45pm

MON TO FRI: 4pm-5pm

SAT: 11.45am -12.45pm & 1pm - 2pm

For more details call Oxford **779843**.

BLACKBIRD LEYS LIBRARY

At its meeting on 17th February, Oxfordshire County Council decided that the opening hours of its libraries must be reduced by 15% overall.

The numbers of hours to be lost by each library was decided by an Urgency Sub-Committee of the Museums, Arts, Libraries and Leisure Committee (MALL) on 12th March 1998 and for this library the decision means a reduction of 4 hours per week

Following Public Consultation, from Monday 6th July 1998 the revised opening times for Blackbird Leys Library will be as follows.

Opening Times

Mondays

9.30 am to 12 pm

Tuesdays

9.30 am to 1.30 pm

Wednesdays

9.30 am to 12 pm; 1.30 to 5 pm

Thursdays

9.30 am to 12 pm; 1.30 to 5 pm

Friday CLOSED

Saturday

9.30 am to 12.30 pm

Can you help?

Autumn 1998 sees the 30th Anniversary of the official opening of Blackbird Leys Library. We are looking for photographs, newspaper articles, etc. on the history of the Estate for an exhibition to be held in the library.

Please phone Oxford (01865) 770403 or call in and see us if you can help.

Last, but not least, we welcome all new readers.

Deborah Walker (Library Manager)

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What's On at the Leys

CITY LEISURE

Leys Activities 5 years - 9 years

The Leys Activities will run Monday - Friday 20th July 1998 to 4th September 1998, with the exclusion of Wednesdays and Monday 31st August 1998. This is due to the Bank holiday. Activities run daily from 10 am - 3 pm.

The cost will be £3.70 per day or £3.20 per day with a Slice Card.

Book early as places are limited to 24 children in each age group.

Leys Leisure Camp 10 years - 13 years

Leys Leisure Camp is for the older sports person. It will run throughout the Summer Holidays as the Leys Activities above. Leys Leisure Camp is from 9 am - 4 pm daily.

The cost will be £5.75 per day or £5.00 with a Slice Card.

Book early as places are limited to 24 children per day.

Playday 1998

Wednesday 5th August 1998 from 10 am - 3 pm.
A full fun filled day of activities at Blackbird Leys Leisure Centre. Have your face painted, your hand Mod-Roc'd or learn how to ride a uni-cycle, how to juggle or eat fire Have the most fun in your life all in one day!!

Wednesdays

I bet your wondering what happens on Wednesdays. Well you have a choice either to try one of our Sports taster days or come with us on a day out. The sports taster days run from 10 am - 3 pm. The timing of the trips however vary depending on where we are headed. For actual times pop into the Leisure Centre and pick up booklet. The Sports Taster days will include Sports Hall athletics, Basketball, Roller Hockey, Potted Sports, Gymnastics & Dance and not forgetting Football. Now! where are we heading this summer. We will be off to places such as the Museum of Moving Images in London, Wembley Stadium also in London, Paradise Wildlife Park in Broxbourne Hertfordshire, Discovery Outpost in Bracknell, The Motor Museum in Gaydon and not forgetting our Theme Park trip, this year we're off to Thorpe park in Staines. We hope to see you there.

Please note *Peers Sports Centre* is also running a summer Playscheme, check out their details at the Sports Centre in Sandy Lane West Littlemore. They will be running two sets of week long sports courses including Basketball, football, Gymnastics & Trampolining, Sport-A-Day, Swimming, Tennis and Athletics.

Blackbird Leys Leisure Centre
Pegasus Road, Blackbird Leys, Oxford, *telephone* 01865 771565

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Summer Playscheme

at The Dovecote Centre, Nightingale Aveenue.

£2.50 per session per child.

If you would like your child/ children to attend the scheme please call into the Dovecote Centre on:

Friday 10th July from 9:30am until 11am,

to fill in a registration form - first come first served. You will need to bring at least half of the fees on the registration day in order to register.

3 - 6 yrs 10am - 2pm.

6 - 12 yrs 10am - 4pm.

Mon 27th July until Fri 21st August.

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Due to popular demand each child will be restricted to either the first two weeks or the last two weeks.

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Could you help take the worry out of going home?

The British Red Cross 'Home from Hospital' service urgently needs volunteers in this area to visit people when they first return home from hospital.

The training is interesting and all expenses are paid.

If you would like to know more about this rewarding service, please contact Renee Robson or Berit Edwards on Oxford (01865) 221742.

ARE YOU FED UP?

...with buying clothes you don't like as they are the only ones that fit?

...making excuses as to why you can't go swimming with the kids?

...trying to hide your body on the beach?

...feeling hot and uncomfortable?

FED UP FEELING FAT?

Come and loose those unwanted pounds with Gill at the Leisure Centre, Pegasus Road, Blackbird Leys.

Thursday Evenings from 7pm.

With the Slimming World eating plans, help from the other members and of course lots of gentle encouragement from me you will get to where you want to be AND stay there!

Give me a ring on Oxford 730009 if you want to know more or just come along one Thursday evening.

Slimming WORLD

BLACKBIRD LEYS
REDEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE
SINGLE REGENERATION BUDGET

PROJECT PROGRESS
1998/99

Ealing Family Housing Association and Oxford City Council started to rehouse tenants from Pegasus Court in October 1996. Everyone has now moved and Pegasus Court stands empty. Most of the tenants who have moved out have accepted offers of accommodation in Blackbird Leys, on the new estate or elsewhere in Oxford. A few have found their own accommodation, bought properties through Shared Ownership or the Tenants Incentive Scheme or moved to other parts of the country through the HOMES scheme.

The next stage is the demolition of Pegasus Court flats, giving way for the new development of 12 self build flats by local young people and 57 new dwellings for rent.

COMMUNITY BUSINESS UPDATE

An important element of this scheme is the development of new community businesses. During 1998/99 it is anticipated that two community businesses will be established. Community businesses currently being worked on is a Cleaning and General Maintenance Company.

For these developments we need local people to get involved. Do you have experience in one of the following area?

- Finance & Business Planning
- Business Development
- Adult Care
- Cleaning & Maintenance
- Marketing
- Recruitment & Personnel

Are you prepared to put in a few hours per month to help develop these businesses? Or interested in developing new skills?

If yes please contact Joanne Willett at OCDA on (01865) 772822.

TRAINING UPDATE

In Blackbird Leys courses are currently running in Carpentry & Joinery or Building Crafts. You have the opportunity to study for a qualification, or if this does not appeal then we can still offer some basic skill training before helping you find a suitable job.

If you are interested in a Care course we have one running which has been very popular, with participants achieving qualifications and jobs.

Training gives you confidence to look for employment. If you are interested in any of these training courses please contact Judith at OCDA on (01865) 772822.

YOUNG BUILDERS ARE COMING TO BLACKBIRD LEYS

The Young Builders Trust is a charity working with 16 to 25 year olds who are unemployed and in housing need.

Do you want training qualifications?

Do you want a better chance of a job?

Do you want to build your own home?

You can achieve all of this by forming a Young Builders Club and working on the project now being planned on the Pegasus Court site in Blackbird Leys.

We are looking for hardworking young people prepared to work in a team over 12 months.

What we expect from you:

Good time keeping

To be disciplined

To be capable of working 40 hours per week from Monday to Friday

Keep regular attendance

Accept common sense health & safety rules

What you will gain in return:

A workplace, independent living experience and guidance.

The opportunity to earn NVQ's up to level 2 in the building trade.

After completion you will be the proud tenant of your own flat.

An assured tenancy agreement.

START DATE

The site work is due to commence in September when the demolition of the current flats is completed. Before that you will be expected to undertake residential training in health & safety, some tools training and to get to know your fellow builders, supervisors and volunteer support worker (mentors) from your local community.

If you are interested, then please contact:

Trevor Johnson, Young Builders Trust, Tel - 0181 693 3311, or Mobile - 0802 377 850

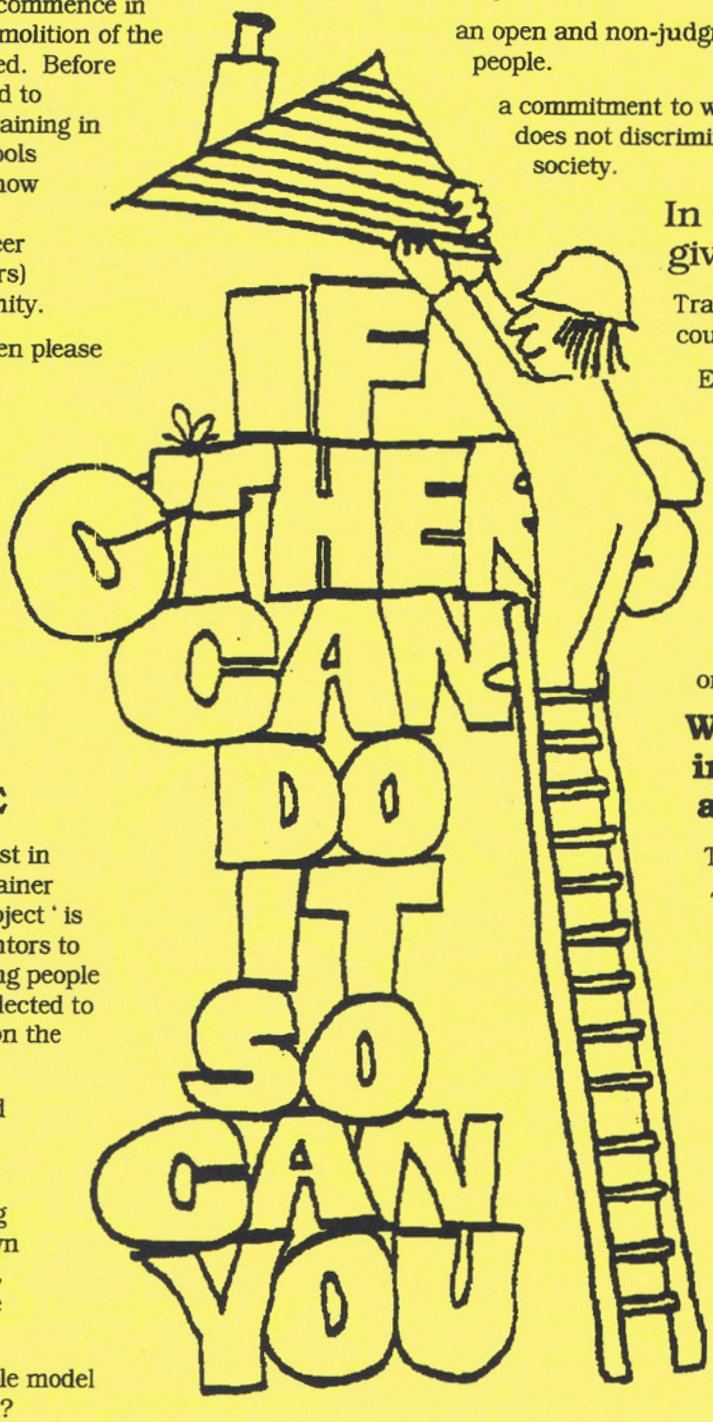
YOUNG BUILDER TRUST MENTOR SCHEME

The Young Builders Trust in partnership with RPS Rainer 'Breaking the Cycles Project ' is currently recruiting mentors to befriend a group of young people who are shortly to be selected to build their own homes on the estate.

Do you live on Blackbird Leys or nearby? If so: -

Can you offer support and guidance to a young person building their own home on Pegasus Court, Blackbird Leys, with the Young Builders Trust?

Can you be a positive role model for such a young person?



Can you listen?

Can you offer practical, open minded advice?

Are you able to volunteer one hour a week to a young builder?

We are looking for mentors who have:

an interest in the welfare of young people.

the ability to work one to one with a young person.

the ability to listen.

an open and non-judgmental approach to young people.

a commitment to working in a way which does not discriminate against any group in society.

In return, we will give you:-

Training opportunities in counselling

Expenses

Support

If this idea interests you please contact Trevor Johnson for an informal chat on: Tel - 0181 693 3311, or Mobile - 0802 377 850, or Breaking The Cycle on: Tel - 0195 957 8500

We will give you information about:-

The way to apply

The initial training course

Monthly volunteer support meetings

Development training

We hope that this project will enhance your skills and provide an enjoyable and worthwhile experience.

Compiled by Julia Tomkins, Oxford City Council

Kids' Page

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Useful Numbers

B.B. Leys Parish Council.....453742
Cuddesdon Family Centre.....773263
Adventure playground.....773496
Leisure Centre.....771565
Peers Sport Centre.....779348
Doctors Surgery.....778244
Advice Centre.....770206
Youth Centre.....772886
Dovecote Centre.....712299
Swimming Pool.....779348
B.B. Leys Library.....770403
Health Visitors.....715689
Street Lighting.....0800 317802
Leisure Centre.....771565

Environmental Health

Abandoned Vehicles.....252818
Noise.....252556
Syringes and needles.....249811
Out of hours (Police).....266000
Dog Warden.....252914
Out of hrs Dog Warden.....240924
Pest Control.....252384
Bulky Rubbish collection...725912

Housing

Cherwell Housing Trust (Miranda Clarke): 722711 or fax 790702. Mondays 2-5pm: 717210.

Ealing Family Housing Association (Rhiannon Jones and Elaine Partridge): 712244 or fax 712121.

Oxford Citizens Housing Association (Phil Hardy and Cheryl Lipwick). Blackbird Leys Office:714509 or fax 717404. Head Office: 773555.

Northcote Housing Association: Tel: Oxford 712244.

Oxford City Homes Tel: Oxford 718811.

Police

Community Beat Officers: PC 4350 Steve Fredericks, PC 4491 Martin Biddell, WPC 77 Pat McGovern and PC 2424 Bill Pennington: Oxford **266411**. This number is an answerphone that may not get checked for 48 hours. Use this number for passing info to community beat officers or requests for them to contact you on a non-urgent basis.

Customer Services: This is answered in person 90% of the time. Use this number for reporting incidents that do not need police attendance, eg: theft of cycles, minor damage etc., with no witnesses. Call Oxford **266333**.

Oxford Control Room: This number will be answered by the switchboard - please ask for Oxford Control Room. To report crime or an incident that DOES require police attendance. Call Oxford **266000.**

Cowley Police Station: Oxford **749909**

Police Emergency: Just call **999.** For threats to life or crime that is taking place as you see it, eg: an assault or burglary that is taking place.

Summertime

with the Blackbird Leys News Calendar

July

Tue 7th - **Farmstead Management** Meeting at the Dovecote Centre, 6:30-8pm (see page 7).

Fri 10th - Registration for Summer **Playscheme** (see page18).

Tue 14th - **Open Day** - Oxford Women's Training Scheme 10am - 2:30pm (see page 11).

Tue 14th - **Leys Residents Association meeting**, 6:30pm, The Clockhouse, tea and coffee from 6:15pm (see page 5).

Mon 20th - Blackbird Leys Pool **Public Meeting**, 7pm at the Leisure Centre (see page 15).

Mon 20th until September 4th - Leys **Activities** (5-9yr olds) at the Blackbird Leys Leisure Centre (see page 17).

Mon 27th until August 21st - Summer **Playscheme** at the Dovecote Centre (6-12yr olds: 10am - 4pm, 3-6yr olds: 10am - 2:30pm) £2.50 per day per child (see page 18).

August

Mon 3rd until August 21st - **Youth Summer Project**: 9-16yr olds, 10am - 4pm at the Youth Centre (see front cover).

Wed 5th - **Playday** (10am - 3pm) at the Blackbird Leys Leisure Centre (see page 17).

September

Tue 8th - **Leys Residents Association meeting**, 6:30pm, The Clockhouse, tea and coffee from 6:15pm (see page 5).

Tenants Participation Course at Oxford Brookes University (see page 12).

Oxford Women's Training Scheme Courses start. (see page 11).

Wed 23rd - Free **Computer Training** with the Ethnic Minority Business Service (see page 12).

Mondays

After School Club,3:15-4:45pm for 5-12 yr olds, at The Dovecote, 50p.

Taekwon-Do, Beginners 6:30 - 8:30pm, at the Barn. Adults £2.50. Juniors £2.

Aerobics, 6-7pm, The Barn, £2.50

Tuesdays

Cedars Club at the Clockhouse 9am - 4pm (see page 4).

Career Guidance, 9am - 1pm at the Oxford College of Further Education Library, Blackbird Leys (see page 14).

Step exercise, 10-11am, Leisure Centre.

Lemon Juice: Young Mums group, Sacred Heart Church Hall, 10:30am to 12noon, 20p per mum.

AfCa Drop in Session at the Holy Family Church Hall, 6 - 8:30pm (see page 14).

Boxercise, 7:30-8:30pm, Leisure Centre.

Wednesdays

Cedars Club at the Clockhouse 9am - 4pm (see page 4).

New Ol' Leys Lunchtime Club. 12-2pm. The Dovecote. All ages welcome. Also Credit Union collection and Toy Library.

Oxford Community Education Group, study session for 9+yr olds of Afro-Caribbean origin, term time only, 5:30-7:30pm, The Blackbird Leys Youth Centre.

Aerobics, 6-7pm, The Barn, £2.50

Sports Taster Days or Day Trips fwith the Blackbird Leys Leisure Centre, 10am - 3pm (see page 17).

Taekwon-Do, High Grades Session 6:30 - 8:30pm, at the Barn. Adults £2.50. Juniors £2.

Thursdays

Career Guidance, 9am - 1pm at the Oxford College of Further Education Library, Blackbird Leys (see page 14).

Body Blitz fitness, 10-11am, Leisure Centre.

Carers and Toddlers Group. 10-11:30am, The Dovecote. All welcome. 50p per session. Also Toy Library.

Step exercise, 11:15am-12:15pm, Leisure Centre.

After School Club, 3:15 - 4:45pm, The Dovecote for ages 5 - 12. 50p per session.

Taekwon-Do, High Grades Session 6:30 - 8:30pm, at the Barn. Adults £2.50. Juniors £2.

Sin & Slim, fitness classes, BBL Leisure Centre, 7pm or at Cowley reformed Church, Temple Road, 6:30pm.

Fridays

Legs, bums & Tums, 10-11am & 11:15am-12:15pm, Leisure Centre.

Lemon Juice: Young mums group, The Dovecote, 10am to 12noon, 20p per mum.

Freestyle Karate Club (all ages), 6-8pm, The Barn.

Bingo for Over 50s, from May 1st, 7:30-9:30pm, The Clockhouse

Saturdays

Karate Club (ages 5-12), 10-11am, The Barn, £2.

Councillors Surgeries, Community Centre, 11-12noon.

Use this page to tell other people about your event. Call Carol Baxter on 0410 588349.